MR. CHAIRMAN: Please conclude. I think you can avoid the use of this word, because it is unparliamentary.

SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV: Sir, in my life I will never come to you with any request but for this. During these five years, if this Government continues, I will not ask for any favour, but you please give me one minute more.

I would like to know whether the Government had explored all possibilities that this country cannot survive without selling the gold or without having IMF loan. We are earning about Rs. 32 crores every year by way of export and at the same time we are importing goods worth Rs. 42 crores. The trade gap is about Rs. 10,000 crores. That is the situation you have brought us in. If we had cutdown the capital Goods imports of Rs. 10,000 crores for one or two years the problem could have been solved.

You are spending about Rs. 2000 crores on the imports of fertilisers. We have got a well established poultry. It has been developed like anything in India. We get 3.8 lakh tonnes equivalent of fertilisers from this poultry. If you encourage the Gujarat and Rayalseema farmers, to grow groundnuts we can do away with the import of edible oils import. We can export raw cotton to the time of 2,000 crores. Why cannot we cut down the capital goods import for two years which is accounting for Rs. 10,000 crores?

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, when Deputy Speaker was in the Chair, he gave a ruling to raise a very important matter after the hon. Member finishes his speech.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must either move a substantive motion or give it in writing in the morning to Hon. Speaker.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: I gave the notice also and I wanted to raise it in the Zero Hour but another incident took place. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is not listed in today's business.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: A former Minister along with hundreds of RPF workers were *lathi charged*. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Deputy Speaker gave no such ruling. It is not on today's business. I am sorry, I cannot allow you.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: If four gentlemen speak at the same time, I cannot hear.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, the Railway Minister was about to respond then, but the Deputy Speaker said that after the hon. Member finishes his speech, the Railway Minister can respond.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, it was not listed on the business for the day and the Deputy Speaker gave no such ruling.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, it is a very urgent matter. Hundreds of RPF workers are *lathi charged* along with a former Member and a former Minister of this House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will bring it to the notice of the Speaker and if he admits it for tomorrow, you can raise it.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, the Railway Minister is here. He can respond because that incident took place in front of his residence. I was also there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not listed on today's business and the Deputy Speaker has over-ruled this point. I cannot under any circumstances admit it.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, he assured us that we can raise this matter after the hon. Member finishes his speech.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You raised this point when Deputy Speaker was in the Chair and if he wanted, he could have asked the Railway Minister to reply. But in his wisdom he did not think it fit to ask the Minister to intervene.

Now, if you move a substantive motion or give it in writing, I will bring it to the notice of the Speaker.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: You can go through the proceedings. What he said is this. When I said that the Minister was ready to respond, he said that this can only be done after the Member finishes his speech.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Rao Ram Singh): I was here. He did not say what you are saying just now that after the Member finishes his speech, he will respond.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Yes, he said it. When the Minister is here, he must respond to it. (*Interruptions*) It is a very serious matter. A decision was taken by the previous Government to restore the recognition to RPF Association and also a decision was taken by the Cabinet and that decision was not implemented...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record.

(*Interruptions*)*

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Let me give you the latest information. Shri Yashwant Sinha, a Member of Rajya Sabha... (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: This point was raised by Shri Acharia when the Deputy Speaker was in the Chair and the Deputy Speaker ruled.....

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: No. That was in the morning. That was regarding a Report about *Dharna* and a response was sought from the Railway Minister or whoever he may be. Now, the latest report is that 55 of them, including Shri Harish Rawat, who is an ex-MP and Shri Yashwant Sinha, who is the Member of Rajya Sabha, have been sent to Tuglakabad *Thana*. There, they have been lathi-charged by the DCPs and others. This is something which has happened. We did not know about this in the morning. So, their own Member, who is an ex-MP accidentally, and others have been taken into custody and there, they are being beaten. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman & Nicobar Islands): What the hon. Member is saying, if it is correct, then I think the Government should say something. It is because Shri Harish Rawat was a Member of this House and Shri Yashwant Sinha is a Member of Rajya Babha and if they were taken to the Police Station and lathi-charged, then I think, the Railway Minister should respond.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have said what you wanted to say. Now, it will take the Minister—even if he wants to give a reply—some time to collect the facts. He cannot...

(*Interruptions*)

DR. ASIM BALA (Nabadwip) He is ready to reply. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, please sit down.

*Not recorded.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Sir, I am extremely sorry to hear what has happened today. In fact, as you rightly pointed out, I do not have the full facts. I have to collect them. Nevertheless, only a few days back, in the corridors of Parliament, Shri Yashwant Sinha spoke to me. I told him, "Let the Session be over. We will sit and discuss it." Shri Harish Rawat is my own party Member. He is an ex-MP. He also spoke to me. I also gave him the same assurance. Not only that I wrote to them...

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: What have you written?

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: "The Session is on. We are busy with so many things. Let the Session be over and then we will sit and discuss, the Heavens is not going to fall. This is a matter which is related to the disciplined force. We will have to discuss it with the Home Ministry and other people. Kindly give me time." And the understanding was that let the matter end here and after the Session is over, we were supposed to have sat and discussed it. I did not get even an iota of information that this morning they are going to come to my house. I was in my house. I met a lot of people, a lot of Railway employees, public and everybody. I came to my Office around 11 O'clock. Till such time, nobody came. When I was in the Office, in a Conference, I was told that some RPF personnel, some DTC personnel, some trade union workers and some other people have gone there. They have gone near my house. They are sitting on a *Dharna* there. I sent a message that let them sit there.

There is no need to disturb them. After all, they are our people; let them sit there. In between, I do not know why did the police go there and take them away? From my side, there is no question of giving any instructions to the police. Later, I was told that they were rounded up. Then I asked the police why did they do it? They said, that area is prohibited area or something like that. If it is prohibited area, the police should not have allowed them to come in. Now having allowed them to come near my house, they should not have taken them away. Anyhow, I do not know the full facts. I will have to ascertain them. But something I want to tell you because my friend Shri Basu Deb Acharia all the time has been demanding that there has been a decision taken by the earlier government with regard to recognition.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: I can quote it.

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: It is their decision... On some other issue, you demanded something to be done. I said, "O.K., I am sending my recommendation to the Cabinet." I have sent it.

Now, coming to this issue, all of us should understand that there was an election. The earlier government is not here now. We have come with the mandate of the people. Whatever the earlier government did is not going to be mandatory on us. In that case, the earlier government gave a number of free passes to the people. Do you want me to continue that? (*Interruptions*) When they demanded a statement from me, they must have the courtesy to listen to me; they should not interrupt me. We are functioning in a democratic system. Government comes and government goes. Every political party would get an advantage and come with the mandate of the people and it runs the government of the country. What is in the larger interest of the people, what is in the best interest of the system is more important to me than what the earlier government had decided. What the earlier government decided. I am not going to do it here. But I will adjust it. So, please do

not quote that since somebody has taken a decision we should also follow it. I am not here to be dictated by anybody; I am here to run the Government, to run the system in the larger interest of the people. This is not my private concern, this is not my private property. I am here to serve the people; I am here to obey even what you say, as Members of Parliament, as representatives of the people. But don't keep telling us that since somebody has taken a decision we should also follow it. I am not here to follow that kind of a thing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is in no position to take cognisance of any rumour that may be circulated. Once you receive some authentic information, then by all means you can raise this point by tomorrow. By tomorrow, the Minister will also be fully in the knowledge of the facts and he will tell you something about them. At present, you have heard some rumour.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Who do you say that this is a rumour? You please bear with us. What we want is let him make a statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You might have heard some rumour or have received some authentic information. Kindly see that it is checked by tomorrow.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Why tomorrow? This is not Madras; this is Delhi itself.

MR. CHAIRMAN: At present, the Minister has given whatever information he has. When I am on my legs, nobody will get up. Kindly have some discipline in the House. As soon as the Minister receives any firm and definite information, then he will be in a position to place it before the House. But, at present, he is not in a position to give any further information than what he has already consented to give.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Whatever you have said in your wisdom, we have to obey. But kindly bear with us. What we want is this. He has said that he is not bound by the decision of the earlier government; he is right; he is not bound. But we are agitating on this point for quite some time now. Let him come out with a statement that he is not bound; he is oppose to give recognition; then we shall see what can be done; he is perfectly right in his position that he is not bound. Let him make a statement here that he will not give recognition; then we shall see what we can do. Let him not take time on that. As in the case of the 691 employees, let him not take time, let him come out with a decision when Parliament is on.

And secondly, we have heard this, not as a rumour, we have been specifically informed about the events in the *Thana* itself that these people have been detained. We are sitting in Delhi. It is their duty, it is the Government's duty, may be of the Home Minister, may be of the Railway Minister may be anyone who is now in position here, to find out and let us know whether it is a rumour or not before we break up for the day. The only request that we make to you is to instruct the Government to come out with it before we adjourn for the next day. That is the only request that we make.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are right. You have all been agitating on this for a long time. But my point is, what urgency has occurred at this minute? Have you received any specific information in this connection? Is that information authentic? The Minister has been sitting here for the last two hours, I have been seeing him. What information you have received at this particular minute, obviously he has not received. He had not had the time to confirm. Now I cannot say—it is almost Three O'Clock—whether by the time the House adjourns he will be in a position to contact the concerned

machinery and give the information. I cannot say. I only say that tomorrow you raise this point and I will request the Hon. Speaker to ask the Government to be ready.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Tomorrow?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot give an unjustified direction to the Government to give the information by Five O'Clock and that you will have the information readily. It is not possible.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: The only request we make is not an unjustified request. What request, which we have made, is unjustified? We are pointing out that we are sitting in Delhi. Just a telephone call to the *Thana* will give him all the information. Let him find out.

Therefore, we submit that it is possible to make a report before we adjourn in the evening.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Chetterjee, you have made your point, which I think the Minister has noted, and I am sure that the machinery will be geared and something will be done.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri Sartaj Singh.

14.44 hrs.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL) 1991-92—*Contd.*

Ministry of Industry—*Contd.*

[*Translation*]

SHRI SARTAJ SINGH (Hoshangabad): Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the controversial new Industrial Policy it has been accepted that the policies framed till now were faulty. The new industrial policy negates the first industrial policy framed in 1956. The Government has conceded that the policy framed in 1956 gave priority to the public sector and this was detrimental to the economy of the country. It is due to these faulty policies that the country is facing a difficult situation today. Huge debt has piled up. Assistance from foreign countries has become so necessary that in order to pay off our debts we have had to pledge our gold. *(Interruptions)*

Today the Government is in a dilemma. While the Industrial Policy of 1956 is being negated the decision of the people who formulated the policy is not being criticised. The country is facing the consequences. It has been said many times that the nation has made much progress. Compared to our neighbouring countries we have made much progress. Just now hon. Shri Vilas was also saying the same thing. The reality is quite different. Statistics presented with the Industrial Policy show the figures of per capita income. According to the figures, India is last among all the eighteen neighbouring countries in this respect. Compared to India's per capita income of $ 870, Indonesia has a per capita income of $ 1820, China $ 2470, Thailand $ 3280, Brazil $ 4660 and Greece $ 6440. All these figures prove that it is wrong to say that our per capita income has increased or our country has made progress in industrial field.

According to official figures, India's rate of industrial growth is 5.5% whereas that of Pakistan is 10.8%, Thailand 11.5%, Taiwan 13.2% and South Korea 16.5%. So we cannot say that India has done better than other countries in the industrial sector. The rate of agricultural growth in India is 2.1%, in Malaysia 4.7%, Thailand 4.5%, Indonesia 3.5% and Phillipines 3.6%.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Please suggest some steps that would help the country make progress.

SHRI SARTAJ SINGH: In the context of the new Industrial Policy, I would like to say that all industrial policies in our country are influenced by foreign countries. The Industrial